



Advice of self-referred inquiry – Inquiry into municipal services in the ACT

Statement pursuant to Standing Order 246A

Madam/Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 246A, I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services relating to a new inquiry.

Pursuant to Standing Order 216, the Committee has resolved to inquire into the provision of municipal services in the ACT.

In particular, the Committee will consider the maintenance and upkeep of public spaces, the geographic spread of active travel infrastructure, parks and playgrounds, waste removal services, policies related to street art and graffiti removal, and benchmarking performance of the ACT against other similar jurisdictions.

This need for this inquiry has been sparked, in part, by the submissions received to the Committee's inquiry into Fix My Street. Many submitters to that inquiry discussed the maintenance of public spaces in their local areas, and this inquiry offers an opportunity to examine the work undertaken to keep our city clean and tidy. The existing Fix My Street inquiry is focusing on the Fix My Street software whilst this new inquiry will examine the natural and built environment in our suburbs. The Committee will make use of the submissions to the Fix My Street inquiry to help inform its examination of municipal services.

The condition of our local shops, our verges, our parks and playgrounds, and our waterways is central to our experience of our city. This inquiry offers a timely opportunity to gauge the Canberra community's views on how these spaces reflect on our city and people's experience of it.